

ABSTRACT

A magnet switch for a starter includes a exciting coil member, a switch case, a stator core, a plunger disposed in a hollow portion of the exciting coil to confront the stator core through an air gap, a link member connected to the plunger and disposed outside the switch case, a movable contact supported and insulated by the link member to move together with the plunger; and a stationary contact disposed opposite the movable contact. The link member has a pair of arms which axially extend along outer surfaces of the switch case. The switch case, the exciting coil and the plunger respectively have elliptic cross sections. The pair of arms is disposed to extend along the minor axis of the elliptic cross section to be movable in the axial direction of the switch case along the outer surface thereof.